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Chairman Tom Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
Federal Communications
Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support in favor of the Comcast and Time Warner Transaction. Every American – politician, small business owner, student, or citizen – worries about jobs and their economic future. Whether I'm in my office at the Utah Capitol acting as Senate President, or behind the desk at my family accounting business, I'm no different. Comcast understands those priorities. They have been an enthusiastic innovator for economic expansion here in Utah for years. I write to urge your support of the proposed merger – a vehicle by which we can extend the same progress that Utah has seen to our fellow states.

Utah is lucky to receive coverage from Comcast throughout the state. Our state has benefitted from \$1.4 billion in Comcast technology and infrastructure investment since 1996. That level of development encourages the growth of businesses and jobs that meet the challenges of the 21st century. Our state was ranked #1 for technology concentration and dynamism from the Milken Institute. We enjoy being on top, but we shouldn't stand alone. Other states can have the same sort of innovation success that we have had if the FCC approves this transaction.

About 1,400 Utahns show up to work at Comcast every day. The company paid nearly \$75 million in salaries last year. Those career investments are constantly returned to our community in various ways. The skills and money Utahns gain are passed along to our state's businesses, and thus our state's citizens.

Comcast's 280,000 subscribers in our state have seen that investment pay off every day. The Xfinity Hotspots Program enables customers and businesses to connect on the go, without

worrying about long-term or fixed-location subscriptions. Comcast has ensured that Utah's continued demand for services is supported by continued technological capacity growth.

This year marked the fifth that Comcast in Utah held their Leaders & Achievers Scholarship Capitol Ceremony, where I had the pleasure of providing the keynote address. Comcast invites all scholarship students, their families, their school administrators, and their state legislators to the Utah State Capitol for the award ceremony and luncheon. We also invited community partners to the ceremony. Comcast provided 36 Utah students with \$60,000 total in college scholarships through the 2014 Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program. Ten of the winning students were also given laptop computer to use at college. This year, four of the students were surprised with \$5,000 President's Scholarships, and one student was surprised with a \$10,000 Founders Scholarship at the ceremony.

The Utah Legislature is continually seeking to improve our state's competitive free marketplace. Comcast's commitment to innovation improves the competitive playing field in Utah and around the country. Your approval of this transaction will help us to continue these competitive improvements.

Please approve this transaction. America's consumers will enjoy improved service, improved infrastructure, and improved economic prospects. Utah has seen these improvements already with the support of Comcast's infrastructure and service.

I thank you for considering this request and I humbly urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wayne L. Niederhauser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wayne" and last name "Niederhauser" clearly legible.

Wayne Niederhauser
Utah Senate President